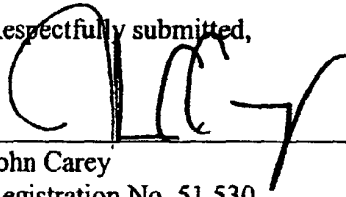


CONCLUSION

Based on the above remarks, Applicants believe that they have overcome all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

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